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CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 17.13
TITLE: **CPM (CONTINUOUS PASSIVE MOTION) DEVICES**

AUTHORITY: 38 CFR 17.270(a) and 17.272(a)

RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(d)(3)(ii)

I. EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. January 26, 1987, as therapy following knee replacement;
- B. October 6, 1988, as therapy following joint replacement; and
- C. September 11, 1989, as therapy for joints that are traumatized, infected, operated upon and when used following extensive burns involving one or more kinetic areas.

II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

HCPCS Level II Code E0935

III. POLICY

CPM devices are covered as durable medical equipment for patient's receiving therapy for joints that are replaced, traumatized, infected, operated upon and when used following extensive burns involving one or more kinetic areas.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Use of CPM in the patient's home must begin within two days following surgery, assuming the patient was discharged within that time frame. For other conditions identified under POLICY above, CPM must begin within two days of stabilization of the patient's condition that led to the need for CPM. If CPM was being used in the hospital immediately prior to discharge either following surgery or for other conditions identified above, continuity may be maintained at home not to exceed a combined total of three continuous weeks (hospital and home).

Note: It is understood that the physician may determine that medical circumstances exist that would prevent the use of CPM within the 2-day window.

B. Use of CPM following removal of an orthopedic cast or splint is approved if the cast or splint was applied following surgery. As in paragraph A above, CPM must begin within two days of removal of the cast or splint and will not exceed a combined total of three continuous weeks.

C. Evidence has shown that maximum benefits from CPM are derived within the limits stated in paragraphs A and B above.

END OF POLICY